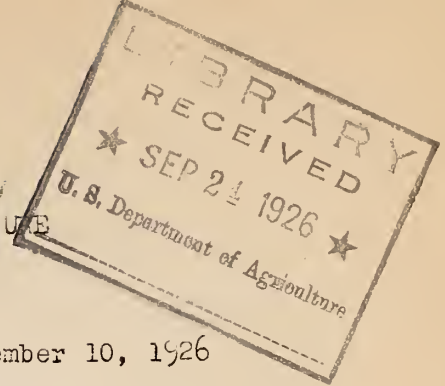


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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Very high prices were realized at the Liverpool apple auction of Wednesday, September 8, according to a cable received from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Only light supplies of Gravensteins, Winter Bananas, Jonathans, York Imperials and Wealthys were available and the demand was brisk. Virginia King Davids brought as high as \$10.46 a barrel. In the boxed varieties Oregon Gravensteins topped the market at \$4.50. This same variety at Glasgow brought \$4.62 a box. Jonathans sold in Glasgow at \$5.11 a box.

The prevailing high prices should not mislead growers as to prospective future values. These prices are a result of a scarcity of good fruit of all kinds, caused partly by the closing of the English plum season and do not reflect an unusual demand since unsatisfactory economic conditions prevail in the principal consuming centers. The coal and cotton industries about Liverpool, for example, are in a very depressed state and ship building on the Clyde is 28 per cent below last year's level, according to Mr. Smith. The United Kingdom can absorb only limited quantities of apples at present prices in Mr. Smith's opinion, and lower prices can be looked for upon the arrival of heavier supplies.

Most of the Hudson River apples are arriving in slack barrels and the depreciation amounts to between 25 and 75 cents per barrel. In a report on this subject last year Mr. Smith pointed out that slack barrels are one of the greatest causes of grief in handling barreled apples in export markets. In this report the causes of slack barrels and the price discount suffered in foreign markets are discussed and remedies are suggested. A copy of this report may be obtained upon request from the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture.

Prices of American Apples in British
Markets Week ending September 8, 1926

Variety and grade	Origin	Price
		Wednesday
		Sept. 8, 1926
		Per bbl
LIVERPOOL:		
York Imperial, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	Virginia	\$8.52 - 9.25
Bonum, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	8.52 - 8.88
King David, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	9.98 - 10.46
Wealthy, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	8.39 - 9.73
Gravenstein, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	New York	9.12
Orchard Run (badly scalded)	a/	1.58
Duchess, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ (slack condition)	a/	5.11 - 5.47
Miscellaneous, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	a/	6.57 - 8.52
Gravenstein:		Per box
Fancy, 163/175	California	3.89
Fancy, 163/175	Oregon	4.38 - 4.50
Winter Bananas:		
Combination (extra fancy & fancy)		
150/larger	Washington	4.14
		Per bu. box
Williams, wrapped, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	Massachusetts:	4.01
Duchess, unwrapped, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	4.68
		Per six
		basket crate
Hiley Peaches (bad brown rot)	a/	.48 - 1.22
Pears:		Per box
Hardy, fancy	California	4.62 - 5.23
Anjou, extra fancy, 150	Oregon	4.62 - 4.87
		Per half box
Comice, fancy	California	3.16 - 3.41
Bartlett	New Jersey	1.70 - 2.19
		Per bbl
Bartlett	New York	11.68
GLASGOW:		
Jonathan:		Per box
Extra fancy, 163/175	Washington	5.11
Gravenstein:		
Extra fancy, 163/175	Oregon	4.62

a/ State of origin not given.

